

## **IN RECOGNITION OF “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER”**

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer are a venerable American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, our State and County were founded upon a deep belief in and commitment to God, and through the years our citizens have drawn strength, comfort, and inspiration through prayers; and

WHEREAS, it is eminently fitting and proper that we in Augusta observe a day when all in our communities may acknowledge our many blessings and express gratitude to God for them while recognizing the need for the strengthening of religious and moral values in our land; and

WHEREAS, Congress has set aside the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, this will be the 52nd consecutive National Day of Prayer observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2003 to be “A DAY OF PRAYER” and encourage all people of Augusta to observe this day with appropriate activities and observances.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 1st day of May 2003.